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MONDAY EVENING, MAY 29, 1876.

## AN OMISSION.

The hastily prepared comments which we made upon the letter of Col. Avery to Gov. Smith, published in Sunday's CONSTITUTION the statement of an important point was omitted. Col. Avery commented at some length upon the contradiction between the governor's remark in his last letter and his subsequent conduct in an interview with our reporter. In the letter the governor said:

"My official acts are legitimate subjects of criticism, but they are all of record, and of them I shall have no defense. It is enough that they would be unbecoming to me to do so."

As the foundation of his strictures upon the governor's conduct in this regard Col. Avery reproduces the above quotation, leaving out the word "there," whereby the meaning of the sentence is entirely perverted. Governor Smith stated to our reporter why he did not choose to enter upon a defense of his administration at Col. Avery's suggestion. Col. Avery is too good a logician to need a reminder of the effect of building to a conclusion upon the basis of a false premise. To attribute to an adversary something that he did not say is not an unfrequent practice, but we have not learned that it receives the sanction of ingenious minds.

## DOM PEDRO.

Dom Pedro will reach here at 5:30 to-morrow by the Atlanta & West Point railroad, and leaves at 5:40 for the Western & Atlantic railroad, going via Dalton to Lynchburg, where he will connect with the Virginia Midland. He has one sleeper and one hotel-car.

"Why don't Atlanta get up a torch-light procession over the Bullock?" asks one of our country exchanges. Why, bless your soul, there are not enough of you up here to make a showing!

When the Savannah News remarks that "Gordon institute, at Barnesville, has one hundred and fifty odd pupils," and that "this is one of the results of having a good newspaper close at hand," we hope the reference is not to the newspaper which takes "the Devil's View" of society and social customs in that lovely little city.

The Lumpkin Independent presents its views in the right spirit, and says: "We are for Phil Cobb above any man in the district and if we cannot see him returned then we want our neighbors on the east side of Flint river to name the man and when they do the gallant Col. Kibbee, of Hawkinsville, will bear the democratic standard of the third district and bear it to victory."

GRIFIN NEWS. There is a degree of moral audacity about the way James is pressing his claims for the governorship. He is constantly on the march back and forth. To-day at the sea board, to-morrow in the mountains. To-day giving his views to the village politician in one part of the state, to-morrow addressing a Sunday school from a Baptist standpoint, in a James light. To-day talking to thousands, to-morrow to squads. He never gets mad, never makes anybody else mad. Pleases all whom he meets by his genial, social manners. He seems to have a confidence in his destiny to be governor, that he is already becoming the best known man in the state, and it is said that he only goes home on a Saturday to get a clean shirt and shave.

There is no hypocrisy about James. The Thomasville Times strikes the nail a lick square upon the head in every sentence of the following paragraph: "It is said that both Bullock and Bledget took too much on prominent democratic claims to be pushed. Very likely they know a good deal. But that is no reason why punishment should not be meted out to them, and their disgraced democratic allies, if they had them. Let us have a general reckoning of those corrupt days, when the bayonet and the radicals lord it over the people of Georgia. And if it turns out that recent democrats were in the ring, let them too feel the full force of their downfall. The thing should be squeezed dry—no matter who is involved. This much is due the people of Georgia, and if we mistake not their temper, they will demand it. Let the trials be thorough, searching and exhaustive."

"STRANGE, AYE, PASSING STRANGE," that you will see the Georgia legislature, liver, capital, &c., when Dr. J. H. McLean's Strengthening Cordial and Blood Purifier will make you strong and vigorous, and give you a healthy blood. Dr. J. H. McLean's office, 314 Chestnut street, St. Louis, Mo.

CHARLESTON, May 28.—In a proclamation just issued by Gov. Chamberlain, he alludes to the approaching centennial celebration in Charleston of the battle of Fort Mifflin, and as a public testimonial to the patriotic significance of an occasion which will be marked by the presence of many distinguished citizens of other states, he invites the people of South Carolina to consider the 28th of June as a public holiday.

## VOL. VIII.

## NOTES FROM THE WATCH TOWER.

Gospel of the Capital—The Dullness of the Times—Fitzhugh's Exit—Mr. Belknap Visiting the Seaside, Etc.

Special Correspondence of the Constitution.

WASHINGTON, May 26, 1876.

Public interest no longer centers at the capital, but is diffused over the wide presidential field. The proceedings of congress are regarded with apathy. Fugate newspaper correspondents no longer besiege the committee's rooms where the investigations are in progress, but with their feet on the long table in the ante-room back of the house gallery, vote that it is "informally dull"—by "a large majority." Even the unceremonious exit of that unceremonious idiot, Fitzhugh, hardly creates a ripple, and the cry that "Blaine is caught" caused no excitement. As for the senate no one thinks of going there. The debate on the question of jurisdiction in the Belknap case bids fair to stretch out until the crack of doom or the next centennial; and if it is decided that the senate has jurisdiction the trial will take a month at least.

THE INVESTIGATIONS.

I don't think any one here cares a farthing whether Belknap is impeached or not. In fact, he has dropped out of sight and is almost forgotten. So with regard to the investigations. They grew bewildering from their number, and have at last ceased to interest. They have revealed a good deal of fraud and corruption, it is true, but then every body knows that they have only scratched the surface. The truth of the rottenness of this administration can not be fully exposed until there is a democratic president in the white house. There is, I believe, very little to be gained in a party, or any other sense by protracting the session for the purpose of continuing these investigations. They have struck very near indeed to Secretary Robeson, but will hardly succeed in getting him in the toils. He has already been weighed in the balance of public opinion and found wanting. On the whole, the wisest thing congress could do would be to pass the appropriation bills and shut up shop. We can't elect a president by chin-music.

THE PRESIDENTIAL PUZZLE.

Blaine stock is looking up. His rivals are apparently no longer the friends of the statesman from Maine are jubilant. They already talk confidently of him as "our next president." This, however, is premature. The chances before they are hatched. Of course they take great comfort from the antics of the soft-minded Bill Allen-crowd in Ohio, and they point to the secession of Tammany as indicating a serious split in the New York democracy. It must be admitted that the prospect is not so promising as it seems. Still, many contend that Tilden is stronger, under Tammany than he would be with it, which may or may not be true. It is clear to me, at all events, that we must poll all our votes and capture the independent vote, if we are to win Ohio is hopelessly lost, and must be conceded to our opponents. This places Thurman *hors de combat*. Every body here—I mean of the democratic faith, though not a few independent ones of the same faith—says "Bayard is the very man, but then I am afraid we can't elect him. He would be a model president to our eyes. So far as my personal preferences are concerned I would rather see Bayard in the white house than any man living. I don't think any body looks for a man whom I should consider equal to him as regards qualifications for the presidency. I believe he would live such a life of the country, if elected that he would be elected for a second term almost unanimously. But if we can't elect Bayard I am for the man we select, where he may be provided of course to be a democrat. Anything to beat Grant, Garfield, or any one connected with Grantism!

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AN ELABORATE REPORT UPON THE CONSTITUTIONAL FUNCTIONS OF THE ASSEMBLY IN THE MATTER WAS READ.

CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION FOLLOWED, PARTICIPATED IN BY JUDGE QUID,

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REV. JOHN W. PRIMROSE OFFERED A RESOLUTION TO THIS EFFECT, THAT IN APPROVING THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE MEMORIAL FROM HANG-CHOW RESPECTING THE ECCLESIASTICAL STATUS OF FOREIGN MISSIONARIES, THIS ASSEMBLY DOES NOT DESIGN TO EXPRESS ANY DECISION RESPECTING PROPOSITIONS TOUCHING THE PRINCIPLES OF OUR FORM OF GOVERNMENT, OR THE OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS AND SPHERE OF THE EVANGELIST.

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MR. CASSELLS OFFERED THE FOLLOWING, WHICH WAS ADOPTED:

WHEREAS, THE BIBLE IS THE FOUNDATION ON WHICH REST ALL OUR BENEVOLENT ENTERPRISES UNDER THE NAME OF THE CHURCH, THE SUNDAY SCHOOL AND THE CHURCH ITSELF; AND WHEREAS, THE AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY HAS BEEN AND IS STILL AN EFFICIENT INSTRUMENT IN ACCOMPLISHING THE GREAT WORK OF THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SCRIPTURES; THEREFORE,

RESOLVED, THAT THIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESPECTFULLY COMMENDS THE AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY TO THE CONFIDENCE AND SUPPORT OF ALL OUR CHURCHES AND CONGREGATIONS.

DR. HOGUE, TAKING THE FLOOR, SAID THAT IT WAS HIS DESIRE TO PRESERVE A MORE HARMONIOUS IN THE ASSEMBLY, AND WITH THIS PURPOSE HAD PREPARED A PAPER WHICH HE WOULD PRESENT HEREWITH, AND WHICH HE HOPED WOULD HAVE THE TENDENCY TO HARMONIZE THE CONFLICTING VIEWS UPON THE MATTER OF PRESBYTERIAN CONFEDERATION.

HE WOULD FURTHER REQUEST THAT THE NAME OF THE SOCIETY BE DROPPED BY HIM, AND THAT HE WOULD SAY ANYTHING, BUT IF THOSE WHO HAD BEEN AGAINST HIM APPROVED OF THE INTENT OF THIS PAPER THEY COULD MERELY SAY "YES" OR "NO" AND SAY SO, AND THE ENTIRE MATTER COULD THUS BE DISPOSED OF IN A FEW MOMENTS.

DR. HOGUE THEN READ THE FOLLOWING:

RESOLVED, THAT IN APPOINTING DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL PRESBYTERIAN ASSEMBLY, IT IS WITH THE DISTINCT DECLARATION THAT IT IS NOT TO BE REGARDED AS ANOTHER AND HIGHER COURT, BUT AS AN ASSEMBLY OF COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY THE SEVERAL BODIES WHICH THEY REPRESENT, FOR THE PURPOSE OF A JOINT CONFERENCE AND JOINT DELIBERATION, AND FOR SUCH ACTION ONLY AS BELONGS TO AN ASSOCIATION OF DELEGATES THUS CONSTITUTED.

ON MOTION TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION, DR. ADGER AROSE AND STATED THAT HE HAD NO OBJECTION WHATEVER TO THIS RESOLUTION, AND HE WOULD SAY HERE THAT IF DR. HOGUE'S MODIFIED STATEMENT OF THE PURPOSES AND CHARACTER OF THIS CONFEDERATION HAD BEEN MADE IN THE BEGINNING, HE WAS SURE THE DEBATE WOULD HAVE BEEN CUT OFF CONSIDERABLY.

MR. CARNE STATED THAT, AS ONE WHO HAD VOTED AGAINST THE ORIGINAL RESOLUTIONS, HE WOULD NOW SAY HE HEARTILY APPROVED OF THIS PAPER, AND HOPED IT WOULD BE UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

THE QUESTION WAS THEN PUT AND ADOPTED WITH BUT ONE DISSENTING VOTE—DR. HOGUE'S.







## Local and Business Notices

ONLY a few pair of those 25 cent  
Children's shoes left at M. RICH'S.  
may 28—dit

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Be sure to go to M. Rich's semi-  
annual closing out sale this week. Big bargains  
in all kinds of Dry Goods. may 28—dit

**Not All Gone Y**  
M. Rich has a few more of those  
Gent's fine unwashed Shirts left, at \$1 00 each.  
Get some before they are all gone.  
may28-dit

**Y**  
If you want to buy goods cheap, you  
must go M. Rich's semi-annual closing out sale

**Ten Cent Column.**

Advertisements of "Wanted Sent," "Lost and Found," &c in this column at Ten Cents

"For Sale," "I will be inserte ne, each inser

**CARRIAGES**—If you want your Carriage put in first-class repair, go to Smith, 48 Broad street. None but first-class workmen employed. may30—dlt

**H**OTEL OR BOARDING HOUSE TO RENT.  
17 rooms, over our stores, Peachtree street,  
No. 41 1/2. Phillips & Parrott, may30-dit

**W**ANTED—Traveling salesmen. \$150 a month.  
Experience not needed. Address Gem  
Manufacturing Co., St. Louis, Mo. my30-dit

**D**espero to attend the Floral Concert at West M.

**ROOM RENT**—From last June, first-class 4-room House, 2 nice out rooms connected; on street car line; 169 Jones street; nice yard; good water. Chas. E. Boynton, 66 and 68 Whitehall street.

**BOARDERS WANTED**—Elegant accommodations can be had, in a private family on street near Whitehall street, to parties wishing to exchange dust, noise and heat for cool breezes, quiet and convenience. Apply 338 Whitehall street.  
may28—d2t

**HALL'S SAFE & LOCK CO.** have a stock of  
new and second-hand Safes, that they will  
sell low for cash. Salesroom 59 Broad street.  
may26-d3.

**ROOMS TO LET**—Two suits of rooms to let, on ground floor on Marietta street, opposite the post office. May be used for offices, bed rooms, store rooms for a small business. Apply to W. Westmoreland, 57 Marietta street.  
may25 - dft

**TEN DOLLARS REWARD** -Strayed or stolen from lot, a very small Black and Tan Dog. I will give the above reward for him or information leading to his recovery. O. A. Lochraue.  
May 23-dtf

**BOARDING HOUSE**—Well established and desirable with or without furniture, can be secured by responsible party. Address: "M. A.," Commonwealth office. may21—dtf

**WANTED**—1000 tons scrap iron. Cash. Apply to Vulcan Metal Co., 47 McLean's Block, Louis. may16—dhw

**FOR RENT**—A Brick Residence, 9 rooms, Mitchell street. None need apply unless possible. H. F. Leak, at Lowe, Douglass & Co. may7—dsun tues-tf.

**THE PENITENTIARY CONVICTS.**

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**Proclamation of the Governor for  
Proposals to Lease.**

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By Authority of the Governor.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, STATE OF GEORGIA,  
ATLANTA, GA., April 14.

Whereas, by an act approved February 25, 1876,  
the governor is authorized and required, "as the  
public interest may require, to hire or lease the  
services or hiring of convicts under the act of March  
1874, expire, and as leasing or hiring may be  
authorized under said act, and as convicts may re-  
quire to be disposed of by the governor of the ter-  
ritory, not affected by existing contracts," to farm  
said convicts when discharged from the

proposals for the hire of said convicts under the provisions of said act, which is published herewith, will be received at the executive office until 12 o'clock m. Thursday, the 15th day of June next.

Bidders should state the names and places of

The proposals should be placed in a strong envelope, securely sealed, and directed to the governor. The following words: "Bid for convicts," should be indorsed on the package.

Any contract or contracts will be awarded on Monday, the 26th day of June next.

the governor  
J. W. WARREN,  
Sec. Ex. Dept.

JAMES M. SMITH,  
Governor.

AN ACT  
to regulate the leasing of penitentiary convicts  
by the governor, authorizing him to make con-  
tracts in relation thereto, and for other pur-  
poses.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the general assembly of the state of Georgia, That as the leases or hiring of convicts under the act of March 3, 1874, expire, and as leases or hirings may be vacated under said act, and as convicts may require to be disposed of by the governor of the state, not affected by existing contracts, that the governor of the state is hereby authorized and required to hire or lease said convicts when discharged from

operations of said hirings or leaseage, and executing contracts for the space of time not less than twenty years to one or more companies, as in his judgment will best preserve the interest of the state associations of persons, which shall be an incorporated company, by virtue of the operation of said act as hereinafter provided; said lease or hiring for said term shall be upon such terms and considerations as shall be agreed upon with said company by the governor; said company shall

...bond and good security to the governor of the state, in a sum not less than one hundred thousand dollars for a faithful compliance with their contracts, but if there be more than one company, the amount of said bond to be left in the discretion of the governor, in each case, in proportion to the number of convicts that each may get, provided that the aggregate of said bonds shall not be less than one hundred thousand dollars. In the least of the above cases the amount of said bonds shall

hiring or of making the same arrangements as required by the said company for the humane treatment of the convicts entrusted to them for their security and proper management, in accordance with the laws and regulations now in force for the control of convicts, so far as the same may be consistent with the working of said convicts by said company, but no lease or hiring may be made which shall not relieve the state from all expense except

Before any disposition is made of the convicts, contemplated under the provisions of this act, to the excellency, the governor, shall be authorized to furnish to the directors of the Marietta and North Georgia railroad, upon their application for the same, two hundred and fifty convicts, or so many thereof as they may desire, without charge,

the space of three years, upon their giving satisfactory obligations to feed, clothe and provide for same, under such regulations as his excellency may require, for the safe-keeping and proper care of convicts; but said convicts shall be used by said railroad company exclusively for the benefit of said railroad; and for violation of this condition the governor may revoke the lease: Provided in all cases, where the convicts are leased out to, and are

and shall be engaged at work on said railroads the passage of this act, and whose lease shall expire before the completion of the grading of said road, the governor is hereby authorized to grant a new lease of said convicts to said company (or even greater number, equal to the wants of said county,) within sixty days after said application is made, unless the convicts have been leased under the provisions of this act to the company or companies.

herein provided for, and to the Marietta and North Georgia railroad company. The renewal of, and additional lease, shall be made on the same terms and conditions as provided for by act of March 3, 1874: Provided further, That the governor shall, at his discretion, farm out or lease to the president and directors, or board of corporators, of any railroad or turnpike company now chartered in this state any number of said convicts, under the restrictions now provided by law: Provided, lin-

Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That no lease or hiring shall be made under the provisions of this act until after due notice is given by the governor of this state that on a cer-

any such sale shall be of having said or made, which shall not be less than sixty days, and the governor may select from the leases offered such once he deems best for the public welfare: Provided, that the convicts have been leased under the provisions of this act to the company or companies herein provided for, and to the Marietta and North Georgia railroad company.

with the power reserved under the first section of this act, shall require said company to procure, at their own expense, a suitable site or place, being situated on the coast of Georgia, if practicable, and if not, some other suitable place, to be determined by the governor, within the limits of this state, and at their own expense erect, under the direction of the governor and principal keeper of the penitentiary, there suitable, convenient, safe,

any and commodious prison barracks, hospitals, guard-houses, and all other dwellings necessary for the safe keeping and comfort of the convicts under its care and control, which shall be known as





